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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1954



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It's nice to be here again to wish you an extremely doggy Christmas and a better-than-ever New Year.

For this occasion, just like people, "I have prepared a few words" appropriate to the season, written as the coldest night this

I hope Mr. Irving Berlin will forgive me. I hope everybody will:

HOT CHRISTMAS

I'm dreaming of a Hot Christmas, just like they told me I would

Where the sunburns glisten and people listen to "weather" on the radio.

ning of a Hot Christmas with ev'ry lying note I write About how the temp's out of eight and there's no cold in Florida tonight.

I'm dreaming of a Hot Christmas, the kind for basking in the

With no chills or shudders, no frozen rudders to cause my little nose to run.

I'm dreaming of a Hot Christmas, so I can send the Yanks a line

Saying, "Now, now, never you pine-here in Florida the weather

I'm dreaming of a Hot Christmas, this chilly stuff's too much for me Not enough of heatin', no woolen sheetin', and even icicles for

I'm dreaming of a Hot Christmas, without the benefit of snow, May the cold go off in a breeze, and Chamber of Commerce offices unfreeze.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR GLADES NEW \$200,000 BREAKWATER

For New Project

OBSERVER asked a representation of Glades citizens their actions to the news that a breakwater, the first in all the area as approved by the cabinet to be built in Pahokee with Internal approvement Commission funds.

was approved by the cabinet to be built in Pahokee with Internal Improvement Commission funds.

This is what they said:
GORGE C. YOUNG, Belle Glade, civic leader and cattleman.
"I certainly think it will be a 'little bit of all right' to have a control of the c

we have something to offer water transportation. Compense and potential pote

the whole area."

MRS. MARY FOY, Belle Glade, Chamber of Commerce director
and manager of Radio Station WSWN: "I think it's wonderful.

Anything that can be done to improve Glades facilities should

Reaction Enthusiastic REP.ELLIOTT, FRIEND SCORE AT TALLY

One of the biggest Christmas gifts the Glades could have—a chance to develop Lake Okeechobee—was received this week when the cabinet approved a \$200,000 loan from the Internal Improvement Fund to the City of Pahokee for construction of a protective break-

Final plans for the breakwater were un-

GET OUT VOTE
PLANS MADE

Attention was focussed on the Jan. 11 election with the visit to the Glades this week of candisgrumning for the Sixth Congressional District seat left vacant by the death of his father last month. As of press time he was unopposed in the race with the didate Hallis Hart for Lake Worth.

In Belle Glade the Chamber of Commerce is completing preliminary plans to turn out the was purely minimary plans to turn out the was pure

eretofore, the Glades has little to offer shippers and (Continued on Page 8)

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Section

Christmas greetings from your friends and business associates, origins of Christ-mas customs and Who was Saint Nicholas?

Section

Glades growers, packers and suppliers present "The Other Wise Man" by Hen ry Van Dyke for your en joyment.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE,

and we're glad you're

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Winners Named In BG Contest

BE Gontest

BELLE GLADE — Community Christnias spirit reflected from the winds of the control of

PAHOKEE TEAM
TO N-S GAME
PAHOKEE—Suncoast Champions and their coaches will see the North-South Footbell Game in Miami Christmas Day, it was reported vectorally.

Pahokee Lags In TB Seal Sale

BELLE GLADE — Belle Glade is over the top in its Christmas Seal sale, but Paho-kee is lagging badly, the Palm Beach County Tuberculosis and Health Association said this week in its report on Glades seal sales today.

seal sales today.

Emmett Roberts, chairman i
Belle Glade, with a heavy assi
from the Woman's Club, repor
ed a total of \$474.65, accordir
to the association's tabulatio
Pahokee, which last yes
brought \$673.68 worth of Chris
mas Seals, stood at \$250.50 th
week.

mas Seals, stood at week.
Elsewhere in the Glades totals were thus far: Canall \$116; South Bay \$39; Lake bor \$21; Chosen \$14; Pe Lake \$8, and Bean City \$7.

200 ATTEND BG BARBECUE

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BELLE GLADE—A barbet dinner with all the trims including Glades grown tables was served to 200 dr. bers of Glades varsity foot teams, coaches, principals a cheerleaders, from Moore HR. et al., and the server of Glades varsity foot teams, coaches, principals a cheerleaders, from Moore HR. et al., and the cheer of Glade at Belle Glade land. Privarday evening.

F. C. Schoenfeld, president of the local Lions presented to Joe the local Lions presented to Joe for the Glades champlonality for the G





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or you to understand, but--'
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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Sen. George Smathers

WASHINGTON— The Christ-mas season is upon us, with its friendly spirit and heartwarm-ing good cheer, but for the Con-gress a shadow falls beyond it. gress a shadow falls beyond it.
For the opening of a new session is hard upon the heels of the holiday season.

It would be a more dreaded task, evcept that for the most part the men who serve in the United States Senate and the National House of Representatives are a dedicated lot, enal bled because it is public service to work harded and with excellent spirit because it is public service.

ervice.

For many reasons, 1955 will be a harded year even than was 1954 in the Senate. That will be especially true for Democrats because our party was given control in the last election. But it is not simply because of responsibilities that it will be "founch". There are

and which are greater now be cause they have not been solv-ed in the months—and is some

ed in the months—and is some instances years—past.

The congress has a very special problem this year involving the relationship between members of the two political parties; for some this will be a very personal workless.

The must be remembered that tormally Republicans and Democrats, get along well together. While we Democrats may disappeared with the control of the control

making.

This must be kept in mind in considering the efforts of President Eisenhower and the GOP leaders on one hand, and the leaders of the Democratic majority in the Congress on the oth-

ity in the Congress on the other.

"True Bipartisanship:" There can be only admiration for the act of the control of the control of the conference that 'true bipartisanship' shall be the aim. And I am convinced that the leaders are sincere in their determination in consider issues on the facts and merits. In the leaders are sincere in their determination in consider issues on the facts and merits. In the leaders are sincere in their determination in consider issues on the facts and merits. In the leaders are sincere in their determination to consider issues on the facts and merits in the political spirit of times is weak. An outbreak og partisanship could destroy all the good will which has been engendered in these pre-Christmas.

Back on the air: The first





BY WIN PENDLETON

WEBB'S PROGRAM GAINS MOMENTUM— We were there WEBE'S PROGRAM GAINS MOMENTUM—We were there. We were at the White House with Cecil Webb, chairman of the State Road Department, on March 17 of this year. That was the day that he asked the President to spend 30 billion doyyars for roads in this country during the next six years. Some people in Florida had a few wry cremarks to make about Webb's did with the wear of the wear of the webb had to tell himself with the webb had to tell himself within a few weeks time, a 50 within a few weeks time, a 50 within a few weeks time, a 50 weeks the weeks time, a 50 with the Comment of the weeks time, a 50 weeks time, a 50 weeks time, a 50 with the Comment of the weeks time, a 50 weeks time

rennower must have listened to what Webb had to tell him—for within a few weeks dime, a new mind and the second of the second of

seafer highways throughou safer highways throughou secondary.

FLORIDA CHRISTMAS TREE—The White House Christmas tree this year has company the control of th

I have been writing to you for some 30 years; sometimes receiving what I ask for and sometimes not. Don't tell me that Santa Claus is for kids, because to me it isn't the man behind the whiskers so much as it is the spirit of giving and receiving.

the whiskers so much as it is the spirit of giving and receiving.

This year I want something a little different in my stocking on Christmas morning. You are way up there in the Artic are that you realize how things are that you realize how things are down here. Right after sleigh bells die out many young men are going into a military life. That's good! Nothing is better for a young man, to give him a little get-up-and-go. Some of these men may be interested in these men may be interested in little get-up-and-go. Some of these men may be interested in little get-up-and-go. Some of little get-up-and-go. Some of the services or I can wait until they draft me!" But the way I figure services or I can wait until they draft me!" But the way I figure it is this—if there is a fight to be won, I want to have men with me that I can count on, men that have been trained to take circumstances. I want to he with with me that I can count on, that have been trained to care of themselves under circumstances. I want to be the finest outfit there is, arganization that gives me wh takes to come out on top. T why I am proud to say, "I a Marine."

good will which has been engendered in these pre-Christmas conferences.

Back on the air: The first week after the Congress opens, I shall be back 'on the air'. It was the state of the congress opens, I shall be back 'on the air'. It was the construction of the congress opens, I shall be back 'on the air'. It was the construction of the constru

Respectfully

Wheeler S. Seabolt M/Sgt., U. S. Marin

Rogers & Cong. Bennett Talk



DISCUSSING CONGRESSIONAL PROBLEMS, Paul Re right, Democratic candidate for Congress from the Sixth Dis trict, is pictured here with Congressman Robert E. Bennett, Jacksonville. The two men, former college classmates, have worked together in Washington in the past. Rogers is seeking to succeed his father, the late Dwight L. Rogers, in Washington. A special election to select a new Congressman in the Sixth ion. A special election to select a new Congressman in the Sixth District has been called for Jan. 11, with all voters urged to cast their ballots.

Pressure Grows For State Merchants Say

Friday, Dec. 31, 13 1104 cape for Glades farmers who have signed up for the Agricultural Conservation Program to report in the Agricultural Conservation for the Agricultural County office manager.

This may be done at either the West Palm Beach office in the Agricultural Center on Millitury Trail or at the Belle Glade, by mail or in person. All farmers who have signed up for the program during 1934 and have received notice to this effect are eligible to report, Strickland said.

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And and Lark Rd. outside West
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BY BENJAMIN S. ROBERTS

First Christmay in United States?

Christmas Day in 1539 found a band of Spanish soldiers and several pricets defending themselves from Indian forays within a few miles of what is now Taliahassee. According to Hale G. Smith in his research published in the "Florida Handbook" the pricets said and desired. priests said mass during a lull in the Spanish-Apal-

Washington, D.C.
December 18, 1964
Dear Editore 1904 that I was
as pleased as I could be to find
the recognition you had given
to my visit in Belle Glade November 21 when someone was
good enough to send me a copy
of your paper of November 28,
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Turthermore, I would have
thank the company of the county of t

Sincerely yours,

President, National Fed-eration of Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

achee Indian encounter. This was possibly the first time thrists birthday was honored in what is now the United States.

Hernando de Soto arrived in Hernando de Soto arrived in the state of the state

Washington, D.C.
December 18, 1894

Dear Editor:

I must the you that I was a men and the second the second the second to the se Cancer de Barbastro, a Domini-can, was first churchman to die for his faith in what is now the United States when he was slain by Indians near Tampa Bay in 1549. In 1544 Fort Caroline was established on the St. Ohns by the French. Certainly appro-priate celebrations of Christmas took place at one of these set-tlements during their existence.

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ad Mrs. Peter LaChance ghter, Anna Marie, and Mrs. Fred DuPont will hristmas with Mr. and wis Hinckley of West

d son, Dewayne, is die Marlowe, who is at-Hargraves Military Aca-riet attended a Christmas din-ter at the home of district sup-holidays with his par-critendent and Mrs. Clare M. Mary Lynn Herring of Cotton of West Palm Beach of is spending this week was given for the ministers and

Beach district of the Astendard.
Church, About 50 guests were

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Watson
and daughters, Mary Lynn and
Marcia arrived Thursday evening to spend Christmas with
Mrs. Watson's sister and her
hubbind, Mr. and Mrs. Each
Letter of the Mrs. Mildred Haney and son,
Rober. Mr. and Mrs. F. G. McWilliams of Bradenton will also
be there for Christmas.

Peter Seals is home from the
University of Florida to opend
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Inversity of Florida to open
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Seals.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Harrison
will spend Christmas with Mr.
Harrison's parents at DeFuniak
Miss Barbara Wedgworth is
Miss Barbara Wedgworth is





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Here is what a man should know about hosiery when he goes Christmas shopping

Buying hosiery is so easy, so satisfactory, that you could very well do all your Christmas shopping at one counter, in a few minutes. We'll answer all your



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How Many?

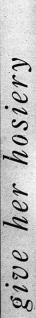
Two pairs is the minimum...a box of three in the same size and color is equal to 4 or 5 pairs purchased separately.

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"... within man's power" 2691. 12-24 tfb **201313131313131313131** son on the weekend. The Andersons will have as their Christmas guests her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Staples and family of Southern Pines, N. C., also Mrs. Staples' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hale.

James Miller, Cenal Point.
Students at University of
Florida, Gainesville, home for
the holidays include, Mr. and
Mrs. Calvin Padgett, Mike Gainberg, Edwin Stuart, David
Ramey, John Rogers, Don
Adams, Willard McCurdy, Alden Chase, Herbert Walston,
and Bobby Shirley,
Mrs. and Mrs. Dennis, Wilson

and Bobby Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wilson
of Tallahassee will be the
Christmas guests of his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson and
family, Canal Point. Their
daughter, Miss Frances Wilson,
student at Florida State University, is also home for the holidays.

sity, is also home for the holi-days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Chastain
and daughter Miss Dorothy
Chastain will spend Christmas
weekend with their son-in-law
and daughter. Mr. and Mrs.
Tampa. Mrs. Griffies and Mark
will accompany her parents
home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Maloy returned Sunday from Key West
and were accompanied home by
their son-in-law and daughter,
Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Stowers and
amily who have since returned
to Key West.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hicks and
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io Key West.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hicks and
daughter Judy, of Atlanta, Ga,
former Pankoke residents, visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hueston Cennell and family Sunday and
Miss Donna Gail Jensen and
Miss Donna Gail Jensen and
Jean Platt student nurces
and Jean Platt student nurces
with their parents, Mr. and Mrs.
L. A. Jensen and Mr. and Mrs.
E. A. Jensen and Mr. and Mrs.
J. T. Platt.

with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jensen and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Platt. Mrs. David Unwin is resigning from the Wr. W. Wilson Mrs. Melvin Specime van Jensen Specimen Speci

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MRS. JACK PHILLIPS WINS BETA'S LIGHTING CONTEST

Mrs. Jack Phillips was win ner of the Christmas lightin contest sponsored by Beta Qui cron chapter of Beta Sigma P Sorority, Pahokee, for its mem

A Thought for CHRISTMAS



• At Christmas time it is natural to think of our reasons for celebrating Christ's birth.

I have long observed people show have the gift of hancer people should be shown to the thorist's words. "Peace the control their answer is a reference to Christ's words. "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you... let not your heart be troubled."

We find quiet peace in the fellowship of loved ones. Beautiful music brings peace... So does the beauty of nature. But this peace which the world gives passes away, while the peace that Hg gives abides forever.

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Reprinted from a Hallmark Christmas Card.

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Members voted to contribut
\$5 to PB County Health & Tut
erculosis Assn. Mrs. Chall
Wilkinson, Mrs. Rupert Mocl
Mrs. Jack Phillips and Mi
Dorothy Chastain volunteered t
assist with the Everglades Men
orial H o spital membershi
drive. Mrs. Phillips presided.



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Pahokee

Miss Connell To Marry Mr. Mercer



MISS CONNELL

A spring wedding is planned by Miss Charlotte Connell, of Winter Haven, whose engagement to Joel D. Mercer, of Auburn-dale, recently was announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Connell, former Pahokee residents

CHRISTMAS AT

CITY PARK TUES.

BELLE GLADE OFS HAS YULE PROGRAM

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our
dep appreciation to our many
friends for their prayers,
cards, floral offerings and
many kindnesses during the
recent illness and death of our
mother.

Mrs. H. C. Dyess Mr. W. H. Waker

Christmas

Connell, former Pahokee reside Miss Connell attended gram-mar school in Pahokee. She is a gradunte of Winter Haven high school, in June 1954, and was a member of the honor society as well as numerous clubs. She is now attending business college in Lakeland.

in Lakeland.

Mr. Mercer, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Harmon Mercer, of Auburndale, is a graduate of Auburndale high school, where he
was president of the student
body, a member of Beta Club,
and an outstanding athiet. He
is a sophomore at Florida State
University, majoring in geology.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON WORTH AVENUE

PALM BEACH — Aii Glades residents are welcome to attend the Worth Avenue Mer-chants Association Christmas program in Palm Beach this week, according t oW. E. Feek, president of the association.

week, according t oW. E. Feek, resident of the association.
Today at 5 p.m. the Roosevelt high school glee club will form a procession at County Rd. and Worth Ave. and sing carols at various locations on Worth Ave. See they process to Cocount Row. On Thursday the chancel choir and the boys' choir of the West Church carrolled along Worth Ave. starting at County Rd. at 5 p.m., Feek said. A large decorated tree forms the center of attraction on Worth Ave. and the Christmas theme is carried out in the window displays along this well known shopping street, according to Feek.

Christmas P.O. Delivery

BELLE CIADE — George Farnall, local postmaster, an-nounced that the parcel post window, only, will be open Christmas morning from 9 o'-clock until noon for the conven-ience of those receiving late pac-kanes.



St. John's 10 a.m. Tomorrow

The Holy Eucharist will be
celebrated for the congregation
of the Episcopal Church of St.
John the Apostte, Belle Glade,
Christmas morning at 10 o'clock,
mass of Christmas until St.
John's has a building of its own.
This, it is hoped, will be the
case by Christmas 1955. Meantime the service will be held at
St. Martin's, Clewiston.
Members of other denomination on Christmas Day in Belle
Glade are cordially invited to
attend the Episcopal service in
the Woman's Club building, Services Sunday will be at the usual hour, Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.
followed by Sunday School at
10. The young people meet at
10. The young people meet at CITY PARK TUES.

BELLE GLADE — The citywide Christmas tableau was
given Tuesday night at 8 o'clock
at Municipal Park, with Rev.
Robert Ford, pastor of Everguides Front and anterior.

Belle Glade Baptist Church
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belle Glade Baptist Church
the Shepherds; St. Philip's Altar Society, the Nativity, Wise
Men, St. John's Episco pal
Church. The newly-formed choral group sang.

Rehearsals have been called
for 2:30 pm. Sunday and 7:30
pm. Monday, both at the park.

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COMMUNITY METH. WOMEN'S GROUPS

WOMEN'S GROUPS
Joy and Star circles of Belle
Glade Methodist Church held a
joint Christimas party recently at the church. The program was in charge of Mrs. Jim
Wierengo. and Mrs. Richard
Hodges. Games weight, a wrapped toy to be distributed to
needy children. Mrs. H. Edward
Garrett read the Christmas
story. About 24 were present.
Mrs. William Fountai. Etchardson and Mrs. J. Allen Baker
were taken in as new members.
Hostesses were Mrs. H. C. Collins and Mrs. William Houmes. HAS YULE PROGRAM

Christmas program was presented at the regular meeting of reduced to the Eastern Star last Thursday evening at the Benevolent Hall. The program was in charge of Mrs. Agnes Baker.

A gift was presented to Worthy Matron Aleese Cherry by the officers and she presented as Stella Prikle, grand instructor, from Clewiston and Worthy Matron Essie Robinson, of Sugarland Chapter, Clewiston. Hostessee were Mrs. Esther Ring, and Mrs. Catherine Harris.

CARD OF THANKS

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GLADES CHURCH News

SOUTH BAY BAPTISTS

PRE-YULE ACTIVITIES

Doreas Lou Circle of South Bay Baptist WMU met at the church Tuesday afternoon with the program chairman, Mrs. Jack Collins, presiding, atthe program chairman, Mrs. Jack Collins, presiding, atthe program were Mrs. A. J. Williams, Mrs. D. Partain, Mrs. H. C. Willis, Mrs. Thurmon Mc. Kiniey and Mrs. W. M. Jeffries, Fay Taylor Circle met in the home of Mrs. H. C. Willis at 730. Devotion was led by Mrs. Alfee Lamoureaux.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hall had a Christmas party for the had a Christmas party for the land a Christmas pa

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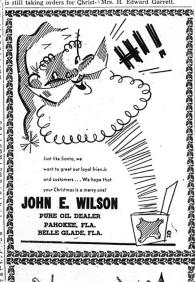
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PAHOKEE -CANAL POINT BY MRS JOHN DULANY

Mrs. Lucille Johnson plans to leave today for Sanford to spend Christmas with her father, O. J. Pope and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Moon will

visit Christmas Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Moon in LaBelle. Mrs. Earl Wolfe and children Barry and Paula, and her moth-er, Mrs. William Odum, left Sat-

urday for Stroudsberg, Pa., the home of the latter, where they will spend the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Dorothy Reed is carrying the Miami Daily News for Mrs. Wolfe in her absence. Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Frank O'Connell, Canal Point, will spend Christmas with their con-in-law and daughter. Mrs. O'law Christmas with their con-in-law and daughter, Mrs. Clin Chier and Paul, in New Smyrna Beach. Mrs. O'lin Cowart and child-Mrs. O'lin Cowart and child-Mrs. O'lin Cowart and child-

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With the Long Reach

of Homestead visited their son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Graham, Sunday. They were accompanied by their granddaughter Melinda Graham who had been their guest a cou-ple of weeks.

charles G Cobb, ar. in Oclando.
Mrs. James G. Thomas, ar. received treatment at Everglades
Memorial Hoppital a couple of
days last week returning to the
home of her son and daughterin-law, Mr. and Mrs. James G.
Thomas, ir. Thursday, Both Mrs.
Thomas, ir. And Mrs. Thomas, ir.
etf for New Orleans where the
left for New Orleans where the
will spend Christmas with her
mother, Mrs. Pankey in Ruston,
Ala.
Milton Douglas, ir., small son
of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dauglas,
sr., has been a patient at St.
Mary's Hospital in West Palm
Beach.

sr., has been a patient at St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach.
Harry Marvin Levins, jr. will arrive from Lowry Air Force Base in Denver to spend Christ Mrs. Marvin Levins and family. Mrs. and Mrs. Cohen Blackey and son Bobby of Orlando and Mr. and Mrs. Harper Kendrick and children, Linda and Marilyon of Bartow will be the guests of Elliott, Christians and Mrs. J. B. Elliott, Christians at Everglades Memorial Hospital for several days plans to spend Christmas at theft Hollywood home and will be joined there by Rep. Elliott, jr. S/Sgt. Lee Wroten of Lake Charles, La. has joined his wife and son Allein here for a holiday visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Elliott.

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BY Mrs. W. M. JEFFRIES

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Telephone 2308
Mr. and Mrs. James Sconyers
and Mrs. Gamelse Chainey and son
in Lakeland, Sunday.
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Frany and Mrs. James Sconyers
Christmas - shopped Saturday
and visited Mrs. Hall's eister,
Mrs. George Griffin.
Pete Van' Zandt carried his
wife, Mrs. Van Zandt and two
sons to Sylvester, Ga, Saturday
to spend the holidays with relatives. He returned Monday, but
plans to join them in the near
future.

cent Nash was James Wall or Marchin and Terrell Revels of Wauchula visited Mr. and Mrs. James Wall or Mauchula visited Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Martin had for their Sunday dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. John Hawkins and Mr. and Mrs. John Hawkins and Mrs. Wilder and John Mrs. Wall Mr. and Mrs. John Hawkins and Mrs. Wilder and Canal Point, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Martin and email daughter, Mss Friday for Wilmington, N.C. verna Martin of Miami and J. where they will spend Christ-

W. Hawkins from Ark.
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Whitman and Miss Myrtie Gilman had their nephew Mr. J. E. Scongester of the State of their nephew Mr. J. E. Scongester of the West of

virus.

Abe Miller is in the Belle Glade Memorial Hospital with another heart attack. He iscreported to be resting much better. J. W. Hawkins of Arkansas visited friends in South Bay Sunday. Mr. Hawkins lived her several years before going to Arkansas.

Pat Martin has goard.

home. Pat is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Martin.
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Whitman, Jr. and two sons of Lake Worth and a nephew, Mr. James Underwood and family of Miami were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Whitman, sr. Mrs. Lionel Williams and son and daughter-in-law were last and daughter-in-law were last. Roy Lovell. The younger Mrs. Roy Lovell. The younger Mrs. Williams is the former Miss Norma Jean Lovell. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jeffries attended the Riviera Beach Jaycees Annual Christmas party at the Colonnades Youth Club on Ptc. Raymon Martin arrived home Monday mornining for al 3-day furlough with his parents and friends. He will return to Bliss, Tex. for a few weeks then will go to Alaska.
Miss Jean Allen came home Wednesday for the holidays in taking a beauty course.

BELLE GUADE

BELLE GLADE CHOSEN

MRS. RUSSELL E. TUCKER Phone 2244

MRS. RUSSELL E. TUCKER
Misses Eugenia McCabe, Linda Gail Mobley and Millicent
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Academy to epend the holidays
with their parents.
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Mrs. Ross Winne, of Chosen.
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Mrs. Ross Mash and son, Lawrence, and Charles Lockmiller,
attended the Christmas canitata
at Rosarian Academy in West
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Mrs. Ralph W. Kidder and
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Gost.

Mrs. Fred B. Raulerson and daughter, Mary Lou, spent par of this week in West Paln Beach visiting her mother, Mrs W. E. Tydings and her brother W. E. Tydings, jr. and family.

Miss Kathleen Rogers is spending her Christmas vaca-tion with her parents in Lake-land.

land.

Lawrence Nash, who is attending St. Leo's, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Rosa Nash. Miss Millicent Nash A CONTRACTOR OF CHARLES



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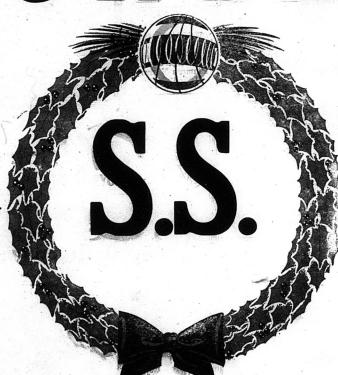
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Livestock Market **Bows To Poultry**

BELLE GLADE — Holiday vestock sales were off because olidays are "a poultry season", ccording to George C. Young nanager, Glades Livestock Mar-

lect.

On Monday 223 head went to the suction block and brought 12,290,59 while on Wednesday 37 he ad brought \$1,698.24.

Young said that the runoff in both cattle and sales totals was due to the heliday and that prices are slightly weaker due to the season. The next sale will be on Monday as usual, Young said.

FIREMEN DOUSE SHINGLE FIRE

SHINGLE FIRE

PAHOKEE — Local firemen, volunteers, and a Belle Glade volunteer who was unidentified, put out a shingle fire Tuesday in Labor Center, according to Fire Chief Marvin Levins.

With the first blast of the siren shortly before noon, Fireman George Johnson and volunteers Jack Phillips and Charles Brown were on their way. Little damage was reported to include the property of the control of the contr

NATIONAL POLIO FUND HELPS COUNTY CHAPTER

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A check for \$12,150 from March of Dimes headquarters in New York has been received by the Paim Beach County Chapter of the National Soundation for the National Soundation of the Care of the National Soundation of Soundation of

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During World War II, Mayor
Friend said, numerous oil barges During World war 11, manyo, Friend said, numerous oil barges were diverted from the Atlantic to avoid U-boats as they made their way westward. With an electropy westward, with an electropy when the research we is built, facilities for this or any other type of shallow draft boat will be available, the Mayor said.

said.
Only last week, a 98-foot converted LST, "Daytona Queen," out of Gilbertsville, Ky., tled up at Pahokee pier after "hitting something" in the channel, her owner said. "Something" in the channel will be eliminated when

BG DECORATION

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place in the business section of
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contest. General Honorable mentions were awarded Everglades
Federal Savings & Loan Association, Friendly Super Market
and Daddy Dicks. For displays
special mention the park roof
top display was mentioned as
were the water works and the
hospital.

Cut-otown judges were Mrs.
W. Bushech, Pahobeer, Mrs. E.
W. Bushech, Pahobeer, Mrs. Cella
Grant, Mrs. Faul Stewart and
Mrs. Kenneth Montgo mery,
West Palm Beach.

Pahokee High School Honor Roll

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11th Grade Evelyn Prince Derother Rushing Vangie Tillman 10th Grade Sandra Adams Lory Rockwell

9th Grade Virginia Culberson Susan Johnson Susan Johnson
Bobby Mobley
Bth Grade
Jill McIlwain
Ronald Graydon
Vincent Repper
7th Grade
Virginia Crossman
Samilee Lanham
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Sharon-Miller
HONORABLE MENTION
12th Grade
Carolyn Hickerson
Bobby Howler
Marcia Guthrie
Phoebe Ramey
Judy Starling
Billie Stokes
Jimmy Schoeppel
Lilh Grade

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Kay Friend
Mary Evelyn Keen
Jeanine Mock Jim Seay Donna Upthegrove Annette McIntosh

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Marie Hair
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| Funeral Services For Mrs. Bacon

WEST PALM BEACH-WEST PALM BEACH—Pun-eral services were read by a Christian Science Reader at 45-30 p.m. Salurday for Mrs. Ver-nette Bacon, a longtime Paho-kee resident Mrs. Bacon sui-feered a heart attack in Atlanta Thursday and her body was brought to the Mizell-Simon-Faville Funeral Home in West Palm Beach where the service was held.

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Mrs. Bacon is survived by a son, Ronald May, a student at Florida Southern College, Lake Land, and by a daughter, Donna Lynn, Atlanta, as well as by a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Mosley, and her mother, Mrs. L. L. Stuckey, Coral Gables.

EVANS INFANT DIES: SERVICES WEDNESDAY

BELLE GLADE — Funeral services for Gary Ray Evans, six-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Royth Kenneth Evans, Belle Glade, were conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Port May-aca Cemetery with Rev. U. W. Malcolm, pastor of First Baptist Church of Belle Glade officiat-ing.

Church of Belle Glade officiat-ing.

The baby died Monday night at St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach. In addition to the parents survivors include five brothers: Kenneth, Curtis, Bob-by, Charles, Gerald, and three sisters, Carolyn, Marjorie and Betty. Wetherington Funeral Home was in charge of arrange-ments.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY BG HS BAND

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BELLE GLADE — An informal concert performance in the land seek by the Belle Gladh last seek by the land last seek by appropriate with "Christmas Greetings March," followed by appropriate Song," "Autumn Silhouette," "Prairie Lament," "Winter Wonderland," "Frosty The Snowman," "Here Comes Santa Claus," and the "Christmas Silhouette," "Training Silhouett

WU OPEN CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS DANCE
PAHOKEE—The Pahokee office of Western Union will be open on Christmas Day from 9 Class of Pehokee high school is sponsoring a Christmas dance at the Canal Point Community Center, it was amounted yesterday.

Music by Pee Wee Moore and his orchestra will high-light the eventing of dancing which will as Mrs. Betty Connell has reventing of dancing which will assure the service of the firm last from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m.





Bright and gay as the festive wrappings of the season, is the gift of good wishes we send to each of our many mers . . . MERRY CHRISTMASI

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WSWN LISTS CHRISTMAS BROADCAST FEATURES

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BELLE GLADE—WSWN begins its Christmas broadcasts at 10 a.m. today with "The Christmas to the continuation of the continuation

ROYAL PALM SCHOOL CHILDREN HAVE PARTY

PAHOKEE— Pahokee branch of the Royal Palm School held the annual Christmas program and party at the kindergarten building at the Pahokee Labor Center, Friday.

Center, Friday.

Several cars of Shriners motored from West Palm Beach to give the children a party and to enjoy the Christmas program.

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ly at field offices of the Social
Security Administration, according to R. C. Gehrken, Ir., disstrict manager. Old Age and Survivor Insurance Benefits and information as to the rights and
duties of employees or employlaws may be discussed also,
Gehrken said.
Representation.

Gehrken said.

Representatives will be in Belle Glade at 10 am. at the Florida State Employment of fice Jan. 5 through 19, Feb. 2. Through 16 and Mar. 2 through 16. Dates for the representative Pahokee visits at the clerk's of Arbord 12 through 18, Feb. 2 through 23 and March 9 through 23, according to Gehrken. peus (jiade at 10 am. at the JANUARY MEET
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DOUBLE TRIO AT
PAHOKEE ROTARY

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PAHOKEE—Rotarians heard at double trio presented by Paho-one more yet to be named.

kee high school Music Director Margaret Powell last Thursday. The group presented Italian and French carols and a special Christmas anthem. Linda Sellers was soloiste for the group composed of Joyes Lindsay, Valerie Geiger, Sedie Chick Ellott. Lynn Hunter was program chairman and introduc-ed the group.

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RELLE CLADE — Rotaria
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introduced Rev. U. W. Malco
who presented the program.
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as the "Miamians" sang seve
selections and was joined
Buddy and Bunny Malcoim
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FOUR S-D DAY MISHAPS

Four accidents, although no deaths or injuries, were reported by the Florida Highway Patral in the Glades on Wednesday, SD "Safe Driving" Day. One accident occurred within Belle Glade city limits, the other three on Routes 27 and 80.

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PRINCE THEATRE

Sat., Dec. 25
"Southwest Passage"
Rod Cameron

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Sun., Mon., Dec. 26-27
"Magnificent Obsession"
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es. & Wed., Dec. 28-29 "Here Come The Girls" Bob Hope, Arlene Dahl _--

Thurs. & Fri., Dec. 30-31 "Dangerous Mission" "Dangerous Mission"
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Sat., Dec. 25

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"Inferno"

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"Money From Home" Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis

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LAKE DRIVE-IN

Fri. & Sat., Dec. 24-25 "Arena" Gig Young

"I Love Melvin" Debbie Reynolds, D. O'Connor ---

Sun., Mon., Tues., Dec. 26-28 "Lili" Leslie Caron, Mel Ferrer

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Silent Night, Holy Night



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Wishing you the many blessings of Christmas happiness.

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Lesser Events Took Place On **Christmas Day**

Christmas is, above all else, the day on which we recognize the Nativity of Christ. It has been so Western Church contary, when the Western Church contary, when the Western Church contary with a substance of the birth of the Saviour.

Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely ore-shadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something less in history that happened on December 25th other than the birth of Christ, and chances are they will give you a negative answer.

swer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history will tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton, Clara Barton and Frances Blake, among others.

Barton and resource others.

Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas is all the average American should be expected to remember. But, it's interesting to note some of the other events that the same day: in 1357, the Battle of Okeech

- In 1941 Japanese captured Hone

It was also en Christmas day, in 1947, that China's constitution was adopted and went into effect, making the date China's Not Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso, Washington, seltled on Christmas day, 1847, by Peter W. Grawford.

Legend Says Christmas Trees Came From Egypt Legend has it that the Christmas tree originated in Egypt, where the first trees used were palm

trees.

The Germans brought the tree to America, however, as they also introduced it to England. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced,the first tree into England when he had a tree for his young daughter.

tree for his young daughter. Martin Luther is said to have brought the first Christmas tree indoors for decoration, early in the 18th century.
When you fasten ornaments to yeur tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and plants brossomed and flowered and

The first Christmas tree in San Francisco was made in 1850 from Douglas fir branches wired on a stick by a German wine shop pro-



Just like most everyone else, Saint Nick prospered after he came to America. In Europe, before he reached these shores, Saint Nick was a tall,

new name, a new face, figure and a new and better mode of transportation.

The early English settlers in this me that the same of the same

Over three-fourths of the nation's Christmas' trees come from the states bordering Canada.



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The Puritan government of Eng-land outlawed Christmas in 1643. With the restoration of the Stuarts, Christmas customs and traditions were revived, but Christmas never



May all the pleasures of CHRISTMAS last you through the entire year!

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CONSUMERS



Every year about this time we the same vein, we can not say hear the same story: Christmas it so commercial. Last year, in fact, some grown-ups rebelled and sald because (Christmas was getting 'so commercial' may be a subject of the commercial' they intended to tell their calliform that there was no Santon approaches. They admitted the little Virginia O'Hanlon, own the little Virginia O'Hanlon, own the New York Sun, children that we have to the famous "Is when the commercial was not from someons they believe in an analy" letter to the editor of overstidement. Christmas is too the New York Sun, children are commercial only in the minds of very castly disillusioned. But, like grow-ups. If we think so, let's work to see that the "rise spirit" same from someons, they believe in a fact of the commercial only in the minds of very castly distillusioned. But, like grow-ups. If we think so, let's work to see that the "rise spirit" and not attempt to take away from a commercial some aspects. Thousands of people cam a livelihood working the commercial commercial was not to the commercial commer

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cher lived, that the idea came. Tommy went in and asked Mr. Thatcher for a job. Mr. Thatcher was said to be a bad-tempered. was said to be a bad-tempered, stingy old man, but Tommy wasn't going to be afraid of him. He said, "Il need some Christmas money, and I thought you might give me a-job to do." The old man asked grumpily, "What do you want for Christ-mas?"

By Maud McCurdy Welch

TomORROW was Christmas and
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mowed at all, and if there was
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**His Xmas Wish

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The Real Thing
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Holiday Plants Need Special Care

Holiday plants require special care if they are to look their best. Just like human beiligs, they need and a proper amental of water. Witting, leaf tyblowing and burning, leaf drop and premature loss of flowers can be caused by underwatering or over-watering plants. Thorough watering is important as soon as plants are dry, but soon as plants are dry, but sool leaving plants standing in water. Pructure the kindfol or heavy plants are dry, but soon as plants are dry but so and a soon as plants are dry but so and a soon as plants are dry but so and a soon as plants are dry but so and a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as plants are dry but so as a soon as

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When Uncle Pete came back, he gave Tommy two packages, militens, from Aunt Lucy and shoes from Uncle Pete. "Just what I needed," Tommy exclaimed and gave them both a big hug. Uncle Pete cleared his throat. "Tommy, your real present is on the back Local Pete cleared his throat. "Tommy, your real present is on the back to the sitting room, the puppy in his arms, "Oh, thank you, Uncle Pete. Thank you, Aunt Lucy."

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He was only seven, and needed a playmate.

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Tommy was walking along still alon'y, trying not to think how wonderful it would be if he could have this little puppy. His name was a unit, that when the cost only two doll that's why he cost only two doll hat's why he cost only two doll.



To All Our Friends May the joyous spirit of Christmas and bring you the many blessings of friendship to



A new Christmas tradition has been brought about in recent years or perhaps it should be called a pre-Christmas tradition.

At any rate, it's that time of the year again and safety organizations, insurance companies, fire department officials, even this newspaper give out with the per-ential Yuletic warning: "Don't you have a Christmas tree fire this year."

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THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CARD was this greeting painted by the English emist, John Calcott Horsley, for Henry Cole, in 1846.



lity. In a brief open of 20 years, Louis Frang started a trend which continues today in reproducing art masterpleces as Christmas greelings.

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Although today's Christmas greeting and the content has remained almost unchanged. Hardly a one falls to repeat his message and a Happy New Year to You." as and a Happy New Year to You."

Old Superstitions About Eating Of Mince Pies

Many writers say the mince pie originated in Germany, while oth-ers claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history. Nonethe-less, it was an essential part of the Yuletide celebration in early England.

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Christmas Was Once A Movable Feast

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upon December 25, and a
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brated.

Early Controversy Over Once Plentiful Reindeer - Try An OBSERVER Want Ad Exact Christmas Date **Dwindle In Numbers** The origin of many of our Christ mas customs can be traced back to prehistoric times, with some pagan customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances. Even today, while December 2s almost universally celebrated as Christmas, some countries, such as Armenia, celebrate it on January 6, the Epiphany, or spiritual birth of Jesus. Santa's helpers—the reindeer— once were plentiful in their native habitats in the north. In recent years, however, their number dwindled so seriously that conser-vationists once feared the animals might become extinct. might become extinct. Chief enemy of the reindeer, as of so many animals, is the wolf. Some experts estimate that wolves have destroyed over 500,000 reindeer within the last 15 years or so. It was estimated in 1950 that there were 50,000 reindeer left. there were 50,000 reindeer left. In the past few years American boys and girls have been forced to settle for "stand-ins" or native deer wherever Santa's sled with its eight helpers was used. The true reindeer are difficult to keep alive in temperate climate and use in temperate climate was alive in temperate climate and the true resource of the control of the con 0 should be celebrated. And those who believed the spiritual birth should be celebrated even disagreed among themselves about the date, some holding that it took place on March 23, others that it occurred on December 25. The theologians finally agreed upon December 25 as the correct date and such has been celebrated since the year 354.

We hope your home will be full of gifts of good luck and good cheer throughout the year! . . .

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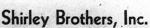
In the days of the knights, it was custom to hang klasing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them would meet the young knights and ladies, each bringing Christmas roses to their

As times changed, so did cus-toms, and roses gave way for oth-er personal gifts at Christmas time.

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The origin of many of our Christmas customs can be traced back to prehistoric times, with some pagon customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances. But, as official Christian holidays, Christmas and New Year's had a long struggle to become firmly established.





overflowing with Joy and Happiness!

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"Build to Stay the Concrete Way"



Christmas is for the young!

How, many times do we hear few fall to realize that children grown-ups make this statement? are not engrossed with the trou bles of everyday living in the fash to share, to take pert in the celebration of the brith of the Saviour, For a true Christmas we need the greatest event in the history only renew our faith in the Saviour of the world.

It seems to some that Christmas will then be young at heart.

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Christmas Scene: St. Francis Set The Stage

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I seemed to find myself placed lower and lower on the tree.

Lower and lower on the tree.

My friends, most of them broken in tip pleces, and myself were cast upon the trash pile in the alley. I felt sorry for them. They had many years of use ahead of them had Mr. Barker been more careful, but now they could never a warn't broken; only a little old. For two days I lay on the trash pile with my broken friends, and then, on the third days, a small child, who seemed to be searching the them to be searching in the could find something of value, came upon me. With a cry of delight he gathered me fint ohl stirp hands and seampered out of the align and to the days of the small before the same than th

President Johnson Issued Civil War

Mistletoe Once Symbol Of Evil

The mistletoe, once a weapon of death, later became to be consid-ered as a magical medicine, is now a universal symbol of love and peace.

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It was with a mistletoe arrow (according to Norse mythology) that Lock killed Balder, the sun god, after Balder's mother had obtained a promise from all living hins, other than the mistletoe. Balder was restored to life and it was ruled by the gods that the mistletoe would never again be used to do harm.

Ancient Europeans considered the mistletoe a magical medicine. They carried it about with them for health and luck, and believed it a cure for ulcers and epilepsy as well as a charm promoting fertility.

The present day custom of giv.

tility.

The present day custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletce, although a
relatively modern one, is derived
from the fact that down 'through
the centuries the mistletce has
been recognized throughout the
whole world as a symbol of lasting
peace.



Saint Nicholas Was Bishop Of Myra Amnesty On Dec. 25

Affine Sty On Dec. 25
Christmas is traditionally a day of universal good will. Even in times of wer the battletronts are often quiet and serone, by mutual consent, on Christmas Day. It was also on December 25th, in 1886, that Periddent Johnson issued his Civil War amnesty. In an attempt to heal the wounds left by the great war, Johnson issued an annesty proclamation which did not exclude any persons or classes of persons—not even the highest officials of the Confederations.

Was Bishop Of Myra
Saint Nicholas lived some 1000
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but was unable to reach the ina,
in time to prevent the murders.
He restored the boys to life,
through prayer and the murderer
confessed his crime.

Outloor Decorations Should Not Harm Evergreen. Skrubs

It won't be a chilly Claims for many outdoor evergreens and shrubs this year, with outside home decorations expected to be even more popular than in past

even more popular than in past years.
It's alse to have bright decorations outside, tree expert say, but the control of the

trees.

Use bulbs no stronger than 15-watts. They're bright enough to be gay and colorful, yet don't generate enough heat to burn foliage, even on direct contact.

Check periodically to determine

Christmas Rose Is Hallowed By Legend

Hallowed By Legend
The delicate beauty of
Christmerces (beliebons it is
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shallowed by legend. A poor sherd girl, the story goes)
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Child bearing rich gifts when
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acy. Previous amnesty proclama-tions, issued both by Johnson and his predecessor Lincoln had not been "total" amnesties.

heen "total" amnesties.

At the time, President Johnson expressed the belief that universal amnesty would tend to secure permanent peace, order, and prosperity throughout the country and would renew and restore respect for and attachment to the national government.

for and attachment to the nation-al government.

The proclamation pardoned all persons who participated directly or indirectly against the United States in the Civil War "with res-oration of all rights, privileges and immunities under the Consti-tution and the laws which have also been made in pursuance thereot."

The first Christmas cards were mailed in 1846 by Henry Cole, an Englishman. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and bore the now-famous greeting: "A Merry Christ-mas and a Happy New Year to you."

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"I am sorry, Mary. They tell stable, a bright new star with the they have no room." brilliance of a million candles. And so it was that Joseph, the In the distance angels werumble Galliean carpenter, and heard in a great psalm:

of town. For them, there had been proton. For them, there had been more than double, the descendants way to the sounds of camels and of David, having come to register as ordered by Herod. The Journey Persia. They have followed the had been a particular the proton proton of a group of Magi, wise men of had been a particular to the proton proton the star in search stable and the small amount of of a new-born king. They ber inglement was made after the star in search welcomed by both She and Joseph. There in the stable, wrapped in Near the hour of midnight, the swaddling clothes, a manger for darkened sky came to life with a his throne, they find the Christlight of etheral beauty, above the Child.

Like Mistletoe, Legend Surrounds Holly Plant

Holly, like mistletoe, has become a part of Christmas tradition, but the similarity does not end here. Both holly and mistletoe were once surrounded by numberless

once surrounded by numerraces supersititions.

The legend of the mistleton, which changed from a symbol of evil to one of love is the best knewn Yet, there are some interference in the property of the prope





Season Greenery Will Make Home Echo Xmas Spirit

greens.

The Christmas tree — whether large or small—should be the center of the decorations. Place your tree in front of a window, so that its bright, cheerful glow can be seen from within and without. Dec



orate the tree with balls of red silver, blue and green, strands of popcorn and various decorations Be sure to hang a rope of ever-



Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men



and and and

THERE are no other words that expresses so well the -old greeting of MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

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us so much during the recent illness in our family.

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Christmas Plant, Poinsettia, Named After Statesman

The poincetta, "The Chistmas Piant," takes its name from a brillant American esteman, Joel Roberts Poinsett.

Pointett was U.S. ambassador to Mexico and a friend to several America na presidents, yet he achieved his principal fame by introducing this Mexican plant to American botanists. Upon his return to his South Carolian home, Poinsett grew the unusual house plant and was directly responsible for its enauling popularity in this country.

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The beautiful poinsettia three country.

The beautiful poinsettia three must be handled with care. Consistent warmth is needed, with most experts recommending temperature of the consistent warmth is needed, with most experts recommending temperature during the day and no less than 65 at night. Sudden changes in emperature cause the plant is drop its leaves.

The brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time, however, make the poinsettia a decoration "must" in most homes and is reward enough for any effort needed to make the plant thrive.

Mexican Custom Will Brighten **Christmas Party**



each of the guests is blindfolded and given a stick which is bran-dished in the air until the pinata is shattered and the delicious con-tents pour forth.

It's a wonderful way to enter-tain the kiddles, but the game may be—and often is—enjoyed by older folks.

Cedars Of Lebanon **Oldest Christmas Trees**

branch circumference of 300.
These frees were not always pro-tected. Once, as the result of an agreement between Hiram of Phoenecia and King Solomon, con-cripted Hebrew laborers were sent into the Lebanons to take to Jerusalem, as the contract stated "cedar trees without number."

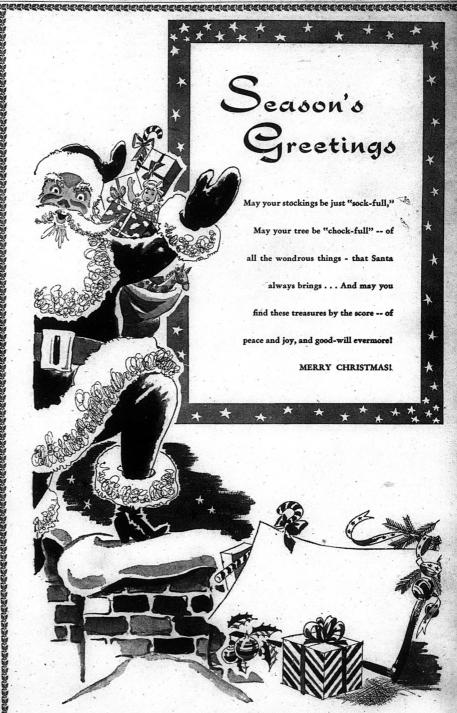


Bethlehem

Holy City Today Filled With Poor And Homeless

As they have done since the rst Christmas, Christians will this ear follow the Sfar to the stable-rotto beneath the Church of the fativity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth in Bethlehem.

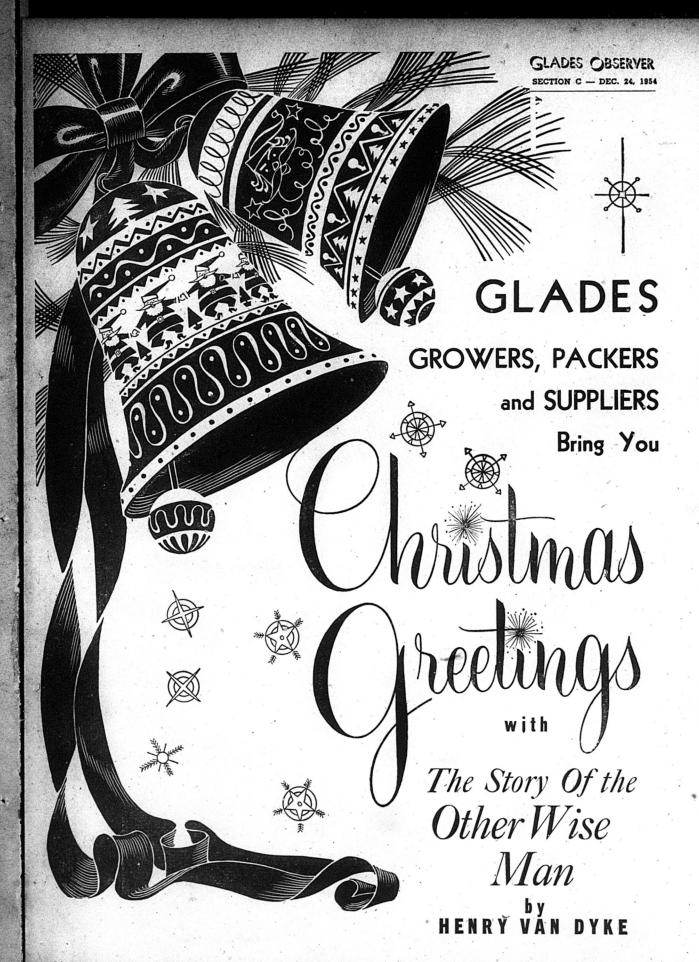




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ou know the story of the Three Wise Men of the East, and how they traveled far away to offer their gifts at the manger-cradle in Bethlehem. But have you ever heard the story of the Other Wise Man, who also saw the star in its rising, and set out to follow it, yet did not arrive with his brethren in the presence of the young child Jesus? Of the great desire of this fourth pilgrim, and how it was denied, yet accomplished in the denial; of his many wanderings and the probations of his soul; of the long way of his seeking, and the strange way of his finding, the One whom he sought - I would tell the tale as I have heard fragments of it in the Hall of Dreams, in the palace of the Heart of Man.

* THE SIGN IN THE SKY

In the days when Augustus Caesar was mas-ter of many kings and Herod reigned in Jerusalem, there lived in the city of Ecbatana, among the mountains of Persia, a certain man named Artaban, the Median. His house stood close to the outermost of the seven walls which encircled the royal treasury. From his roof he could look over the rising battlements of black and white and crimson and blue and red and silver and gold, to the hill where the summer palace of the Parthian emperors glittered like a jewel in a sevenfold crown.

Around the dwelling of Artaban spread a fair garden, a tangle of flowers and fruit trees, watered by a score of streams descending from the slopes of Mount Orontes, and made musical by innumerable birds. But all color was lost in the soft odorous darkness of the late September night, and all sounds were hushed in the deep charm of its silence, save the plashing of the water, like a voice half sobbing and half laughing under the shadows. High above the trees a dim glow of light shone through the curtained arches of the upper chamber, where the master house was holding council with his friends.

He stood by the doorway to greet his guests a tall, dark man of about forty years, with brilliant eyes set near together under his broad brow, and firm lines graven around his fine, thin lips; the brow of a dreamer and the mouth cf a soldier, a man of sensitive feeling but inficxible will - one of those who, in whatever age they may live, are born for inward conflict and a life of quest.

dis robe was of pure white wool, thrown over a tunic of silk; and a white, pointed cap. with long lapels at the sides, rested on his flowing black hair. It was the dress of the ancient priesthood of the Magi, called the fire-worship-

"Welcomel" he said, in his low, pleasant voice, as one after another entered the room -"welcome, Abdus; peace be with you, Rhodaspes and Tigranes, and with you, my father, Aband this house garus. You are all welcome, grows bright with the joy of your presence."

There were nine of the men, differing widely in age, but alike in the richness of their dress of many-colored silks and in the massive golden collars around their necks, marking them as Parthian nobles, and in the winged circles of gold resting upon their breasts, the sign of the



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followers of Zoroaster.

They took their places around a small black altar at the end of the room, where a tiny flame was burning. Artaban, standing beside it, and waving a barsom of thin tamarisk branches above the fire, fed it with dry sticks of pine and fragrant cils. Then he began the ancient chant of the Yasna, and the voices of his companions joined in the beautiful hymn to Ahura-Mazda:

> We worship the Spirit Divine, all wisdom and goodness possessing. Surrounded by Holy Immortals,

the givers of bounty and blessing We joy in the works of His hands, His truth and his power confessing. We praise all the things that are pure,

for these are his only Creation The thoughts that are true, and the words and deeds that have won approbation; These are supported by Him

and for these we make adoration. Hear us. O Mazdal Thou livest

in truth and in heavenly gladness: Cleanse us from falsehood, and keep us from evil and bondage to badness;

Pour out the light and the joy of Thy life on our darkness and sadness. Shine on our gardens and fields Shine on our working and weaving:

Shine on the whole race of man. Believing and unbelieving: Shine on us now through the night, Shine on us now in Thy might.

The flame of our holy love

and the song of our worship receiving. The fire rose with the chant, throbbing as if ere made of musical flame, until it cast a bright illumination through the whole apart-

ment, revealing its simplicity and splendor.

The floor was laid with tiles of dark blue vained with white; pilasters of twisted silver sicod our against the blue walls; the clear-story of round-arched windows above them was hung with azure silk; the vaulted ceiling was a pavement of sapphires, like the body of heaven in its clearness, sown with silver stars. From the four corners of the roof hung four golden magicwheels, called the tongues of the gods. At the eastern end, behind the altar, there were two dark-red pillars of porphyry: above them a lintel of the same stone, on which was carved the figure of a winged archer, with his arrow set to the string and his bow drawn.

The doorway between the pillars; which opened upon the terrace of the roof, was covered with a heavy curtain of the color of ripe pomogranate, embroidered with innumerable golden rays shocting upward from the floor. In effect the room was like a quiet, starry night, all azuro and silver, flushed in the east with rosy promise of the dawn. It was, as the house of a man should be, an expression of the character and spirit of the master

He turned to his friends when the song was ended, and invited them to be seated on the di-

and if the western end of the room.
"You have come to-night," said he, Jooking around the circle, "at my call, as the faithful scholars of Zoroaster, to ronew your worship and rekindle your faith in the God of Purity, even as this fire has been rekindled on the altar. We worship not the fire, but Him of whom it is the chosen symbol, because it is the purest of all

created things. It speaks to us of one who is Light and Truth. Is it not so, my father?".

"It is well said, my son," answered the ven-erable Abgarus. "The onlightened are never idolaters. They lift the veil of the form and go in to the shrine of the reality, and new light and truth are coming to them continually through



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the old symbols."

"Hear me, then, my father and my friends said Artaban, very quietly, "while I tell you of the new light and truth that have come to me through the most ancient of all signs. We have searched the streets of nature together, and studied the healing virtues of water and fire and the plants. We have read also the books of prophecy in which the future is dimly forefold in words that are hard to understand. But the highest of all learning is the knowledge of the stars. To trace their courses is to untangle the threads of the mystery of life from the begin ning to end. If we could follow them perfectly nothing would be hidden from us. But is no our knowledge of them still incomplete? 'Are there not many stars still beyond our horizonlights that are known only to the dwellers in the far southland, among the spice-trees of Punt and the gold-mines of Ophir?'

There was a murmur of assent among the listeners.

"The stars," said Tigranes, "are the thoughts of the Eternal. They are numberless. But the thoughts of man can be counted, like the years of his life. The wisdom of the Magi is the greatest of all wisdoms on earth, because it knows its own ignorance. And that is the secret of power. We keep men always looking and waiting for a new surrise. But we outselves know that the darkness is equal to the light, and that the conflict between them will never be ended."

"That does not satisfy me," answered Artaban, "for, if the waiting must be endless, if there could be no fulfilment of it, then it would not be wisdom to look and wait. We should become like those new teachers of the Greeks, who say that there is no truth, and that the only wise men are those who spend their lives in discovering and exposing the lies that have been believed in the world. But the new sunrise will certainly dawn, in the appointed time. Do not our own books tell us that this will come to pass, and that men will see the brightness of a great light?"

"That is true." said the voice of Abgarus: "every faithful disciple of Zoroaster knows the phophecy of the Avesta and carries the word in his heart. In that day Sosiosh the Victorious shall arise out of the number of the phophels in the east country. Around him shall shine a mighty brightness, and he shall make life everlasting, incorruptible, and immortal, and the dead shall rise again."

"This is a dark saying," said Tigranes, "and it may be that we shall never understand it. It is better to consider the things that are near at hand, and to increase the influence of the Magi in their own country, rather than to look for one who may be a stranger, and to whom we must resign our power."

The others seemed to approve these words. There was a silent feeling of agreement manifest among them: their looks responded with that indefinable expression which always follows when a speaker has uttered the thought that has been slumbering in the hearts of his listeners. But Artaban turned to Abgarus with

a glow on his face, and said:
"My father, I have kept this prophecy in
the secret place of my soul. Religion without
a great hope would be like an altar without a
living fire. And now the flame has burned more
brightly, and by the light of it I have read other
words which also have come from the fountain
of Truth and speak yet more clearly of the
rising of the Victorious One in his brightness."

He drew from the breast of his tunic two small rolls of fine linen, with writing upon them, and unfolded them carefully upon his



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"In the years that are lost in the past, long before our fathers came into the land of Babylon, there were wise men in Chaldea, from whom the first of the Magi learned the secret of the heavens. And of these Balaam, the son of Beor, was one of the mightiest. Hear the words of his prophecy: 'There shall come a star out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall arise out of Israel."

The lips of Tigranes drew downward with

contempt, as he said:

"Judah was a captive by the waters of Babylon, and the sons of Jacob were in bondage to our kings. The tribes of Isreal are scattered through the mountains like lost sheep, and from the remnant that dwells in Judea under the yoke of Rome neither star non sceptre shall arise."

"And yet," answered Artaban, "it was the Hebrew Daniel, the mighty searcher of dreams, the counsellor of kings, the wise Belteshazzar, who was most honored and beloved of our great King Cyrus. A prophet of sure things and a reader of the thoughts of God, Daniel proved himself to our people. And these are the words that he wrote." (Artaban read from the second roll:) " 'Know, therefore, and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore Jerusalem, unto the Anointed One, the Prince, the time shall be seven and three-score and two weeks."

"But, my son," said Abgarus, doubtfully, "these are mystical numbers. Who can interpret them, or who can find the key that shall un-

lock their meaning?"

Artaban answered: "It has been shown to me and to my three companions among the Magi-Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. have searched the ancient tablets of Chaldea and computed the time. It falls in this year. We have studied the sky, and in the spring of the year we saw two of the greatest stars draw near together with the sign of the Fish, which is the house of the Hebrews. We also saw a new star there, which shone for one night and then vanished. Now again the two great planets are meeting. This night is their conjunction. My three brothers are watching at the ancient Temple of the Seven Spheres, at Borsippa, in Babylonia, and I am watching here. If the star shines again, they will wait ten days for me at the temple, and then we will set out together for Jerusalem, to see and worship the promised one who shall be born King of Israel. I believe the sign will come. I have made ready for the journey. I have sold my house and my possessions, and bought these three jewels-a sapphire, a ruby, and a pearl—to carry them as tribute to the King. And I ask you to go with me on the pilgrimage, that we may have joy together in finding the Prince who is worthy to be served.

While he was speaking he thrust his hand into the inmost fold of his girdle and drew out three great gems—one blue as a fragment of the night sky, one redder than a ray of sunrise. and one as pure as the peak of a snow mountain at twilight—and laid them on the outspread lincrolls before him.

But his friends looked on with strange and alien eyes. A veil of doubt and mistrust came over their faces, like a fog creeping up from the marshes to hide the hills. They glanced at each other with looks of wonder and pity, as those who have listened to incredible sayings, the story of a wild vision, or the proposal of an impossible enterprise.

At last Tigranes said: "Artaban, this is a vain dream. It comes from too much looking upon the stars and the cherishing of lofty thoughts. It would be wiser to spend the time in gathering



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money for the new fire temple at Chala. No king will ever rise from the broken race of Israel, and no end will ever come to the eternal strife of light and darkness. He who looks for it is a chaser of shadows. Farewell."

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And another said: "Artaban, I have no knowledge of these things, and my office as guardian of the royal treasure binds me here. The quest is not for me. But if thou must follow it, fare thee well."

And another said: "In my house there sleeps a new bride, and I cannot leave her nor take her with me on this strange journey. This quest is not for me. But may thy steps be prospered wherever thou goest. So, farewell."

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And another said: "I am ill and unfit for hardship, but there is a man among my servants whom I will send with thee when thou goest. to bring me word how thou farest."

But'Abgarus, the oldest and the one who loved Ariaban the best, lingered after the others had gene, and said, gravely: "My son, it may be that the light of truth is in this sign that has appeared in the skies, and then it will surely lead to the Prince and the mighty brightness. Or it may be that it is only a shadow of the light, as Tigranes has said, and then he who follows it will have only a long pilgriftage and an ompty search. But it is better to follow even the shadow of the best than to remain content with the worst. And those who would see wonderful things must often be ready to travel alone. I am too old for this journey, but my heart shall be a companion of the pilgrimage day and night, and I shall know the end of thy quest, Go in peace."

So one by one they went out of the azure chamber with its silver stars, and Artaban was left in solitude.

He gathered up the jowels and replaced them in his girdle. For a long time he stood and watched the flame that flickered and sank upon the altar. Then he crossed the hall, lifted the heavy curtain, and passed out between the dull red pillars of perphyry to the terrace on the roof.

The shiver that thrills through the earth ere she rouses from her night sleep had already begun, and the cool wind that herelds the day-break was drawing downward from the lofty, snow-traced ravines of Mount Orontes. Birds, half awakened, crept and chirped among the rustling leaves, and the smell of ripened grapes came in brief wafts from the arbors.

Far over the eastern plain a white mist stretched like a lake. But where the distant peak of Zagros servated the western horizon the sky was clear. Jupiter and Saturn rolled together like drops of lambent flame about to blend in one.

As Artaban watched them, behold, an azure spark was born out of the darkness beneath, rounding itself with purple splendors to a crimson sphere, and spiring upward through rays of saffron and orange into a point, of white radiance. Tiny and infinitely remote, yet perfect in every part, it pulsated in the enormous vault as if the three jewels in the Magian's breast had mingled, and been transformed into a living heart of light.

He bowed his head. He covered his brow with his hands.

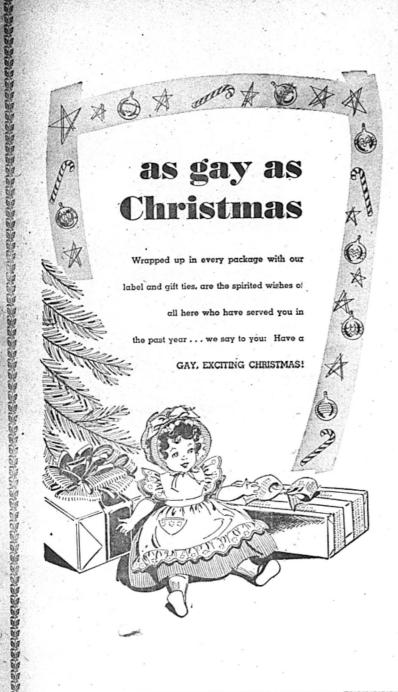
"It is the sign," he said. "The King is coming, and I will go to meet him.

* BY THE WATERS OF BABYLON *

All night long Vasda, the swiftest of Artaban's horses, had been waiting, saddled and bridled, in her stall, pawing the ground impatiently, and shaking her bit as if she shared



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the eagerness of her master's purpose, though she knew not its meaning.

Before the birds had fully roused to their strong, high, joyful chant of morning song, before the white mist had begun to lift lazily from the plain, the other wise man was in the saddie, riding swiftly along the high-road, which skirted the base of Mount Orontes, westward.

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They drink at the same wayside springs, and sleep under the same guardian stars. They are conscious together of the subduing spell of nightfall and the quickening joy pf daybreak. The master shares his evening meal with his hungry companion, and feels the soft, moist lips careasing the palm of his hand as they close over the morsel of bread. In the gray dawn he is roused from his bivouac by the gentle stir of a warm, sweet breath over his sleeping face, and looks up into the eyes of his faithfut fellow-traveler, ready and waiting for the toil of the day. Surely, unless he is a pagan and an unbeliever, by whatever name he calls upon his God, he will thank him for this voireless sympathy, this dumb affection, and his morning prayer will embrace a double blessing — God bless us both, and keep our feet from falling and our souls from death!

And then, through the keen morning air, the swift hoofs beat their spirited music along the road, keeping time to the pulsing of two hearts that are moved with the same eager desire—to conquer space, to devour the distance, to attain the goal of the journey.

Artaban must indeed ride wisely and well if he would keep the appointed hour with the other Magir for the route was a hundred and fifty parasangs, and fifteen was the utmost that he could travel in a day. But he knew Vasda's strength, and pushed forward without anxiety, making the fixed distance every day, though, ho must travel late into the night, and in the morning long before sunrise.

He passed along the brown slopes of Mount Orontes, furrowed by the rocky courses of a hundred torrents.

He crossed the level plains of the Nisaeans, where the famous herds of horses, feeding in the wide pastures, tossed their heads at Vasda's approach, and galloped away with a thunder of many hoofs, and flocks of wild birds rose suddenly from the swampy meadows, wheeling in great circles with a shining flutter of innumvable wings and shall evice of sayaries.

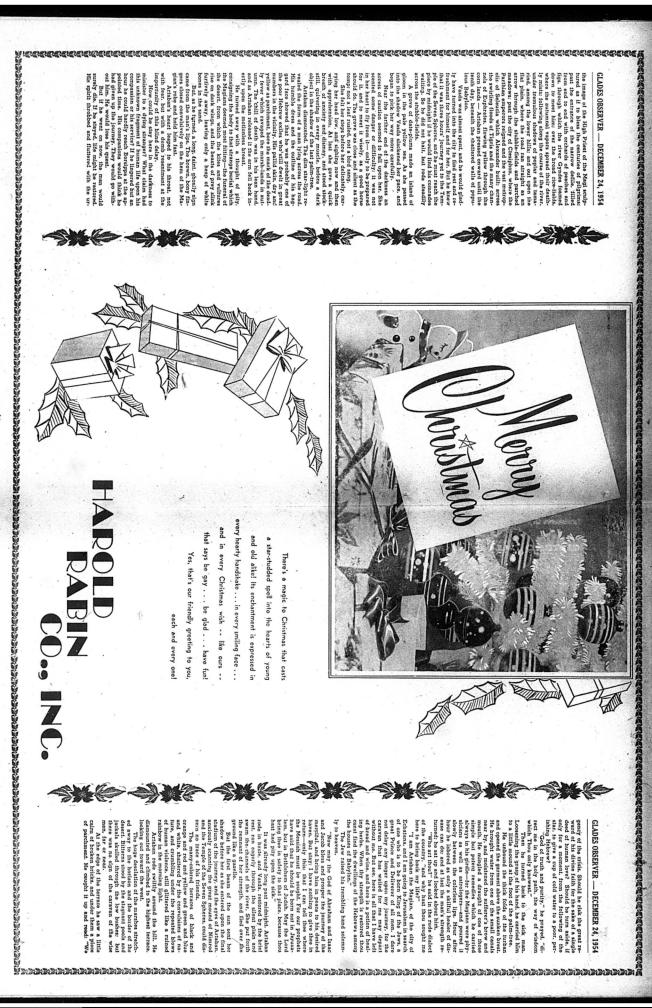
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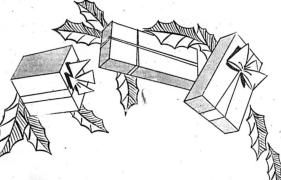
He traversed the fertile fields of Concabar, where the dust from the threshing-floors filled the air with a golden mist, half hiding the huge temple of Astarte with its four-hundred pillars.

At Baghistan, among the rich gardens watered by fountains from the rock, he looked up
at the mountain thrusting its immense rugged
brow out over the road, and saw the ligure of
King Darius trampling upon his fallen foes, and
the proud list of his wars and conquests graven
high upon the face of the eternal cliff.

Over many a cold and desolate pass, crawling painfully across the wind-swept shoulders of the hills; down many a black mountain-gorge, where the river roared and raced before him like a savage guide; across many a smiling vale, with terraces of yellow limestone full of vines and fruit trees; through the oak groves of Carine and the dark Gates of Zagros, walled in by precipies; into the ancient city of Chala, where the people of Samaria had been kept in captivity long ago; and out again by the mighty portal, riven through the encircling hills, where he saw

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have waited past the midnight, and can delay no longer. We go to find the King. Follow us across the desert."

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Artaban sat down upon the ground and covered his head in despair.

"How can I cross the desert," said he, "with no food and with a spent horse? I must return to Babylon, sell my sapphire, and buy a train of camels, and provision for the journey. I may nover overtake my friends. Only God the merciful knows whether I shall not lose the sight of the King because I tarried to show mercy."

FOR THE SAKE OF A LITTLE CHILD

There was a silence in the Hall of Dreams, where I was listening to the story of the Other Wise Man. And through this silence I saw, but very dimly, his figure passing over the dreary undulations of the desert, high upon the back of his camel, rocking steadily onward like a ship over the waves.

The land of death spread its cruel net around him. The stony wastes bore no fruit but briers and thorns. The dark ledges of rock thrust themselves above the surface here and there, like the bones of perished monsters. Arid and inhospitable mountain ranges rose before him, furrowed with dry channels of ancient torrents, white and ghastly as scars on the face of nature. Shifting hills of treacherous sand were heaped like tombs along the horizon. By day the fierce heat pressed its intolerable burden on the gaivering air; and no living creature moved on ing dumb, swooning earth, but tiny jerboas scuttling through the parched bushes, or lizards vanishing in the cletts of the rock. By night the jackals prowled and barked in the distance, and the lion made the black ravines echo with his hollow roaring, while a bitter blighting chill followed the fever of the day. Through heat and cold, the Magian moved steadily onward.

Then I saw the gardens and crchards of Damascus, watered by the streams of Abana and Pharpar with their sloping swards inlaid with bloom, and their thickets of myrrh and roses. I saw also the long, snowy ridge of Hermon, and the valley of the Jordan, and the blue waters of the Lake of Galilee, and the fertile plain of Es-dragion, and the hills of Ephraim, and the highlands of Judah. Through all these I followed the figure of Artaban moving steadily enward, until he arrived as Bothlehem. And it was the third day after the three wise men had come to that place and had found Mary and Joseph, with the young child, Jesus, and had laid their gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh at his feet.

Then the other wise man drew near, weary but full of hope, bearing his ruby and his pearl to offer the King, "For new at last," he said, "I shall surely find him, though it be alone, and later than my brethren. This is the place of which the Hebrew exile told me that the prophets had spoken, and here I shall behold the rising of the great light. But I must inquire about the visit of my brethren, and to what house the star directed them, and to whom they presented their tribute."

The streets of the village seemed to be deserted, and Artaban wondered whether the men had all gone up to the hill-pastures to bring down their sheep. From the open door of a low stone cottage he heard the sound of a woman's voice singing softly. He entered and found a young mother hushing her baby to rest. She told him of the strangers from the far East who had appeared in the village three days ago, and how they said that a star had guided them to the place where Joseph of Nazareth was lodging



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with his wife and her new-born child, and how they had paid reverence to the child and given him many rich gifts.

"But the travelers disappeared again." she continued. "as suddenly as they had come. We were afraid at the strangeness of their visit. We could not understand it. The man of Nazareth took the babe and his mother and fled away that same night secretly, and it was whispered that they were going far away to Egypt. Ever since, there has been a spell upon the village; something evil hangs over it. They say that the Roman soldiers are coming from Jerusalem to force a new tax from us, and the men have driven the flocks and herds far back among the hills, and hidden themselves to escape it."

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Artaban listened to her gentle, timid speech, and the child in her arms looked up in his face and smiled, stretching out its rosy hands to grasp at the winged circle of gold on his breast. His heart warmed to the touch. It seemed like a greeting of love and trust to one who had journeyed long in loneliness and perplexity, fighting with his own doubts and fears, and following a light that was reiled in clouds.

"Might not this child have been the promised Prince?" he asked within himself as he
touched its soft check. "Kings have been born
ere now in lowlier houses than this, and the favorite of the stars may rise even from a cottage.
But it has not seemed good to the God of Wisdom to reward my search so soon and so easily.
The one whom I seek has gone before me: and

I must follow the King to Egypt."

The young mother laid the babe in its cradle, and rose to minister to the wants of the strange guest that fate had brought into her house. She set food before him, the plain fare of peasants, but willingly offered, and therefore full of refreshment for the soul as well as the body. Artaban accepted it gratefully: and, as he, ate, the child fell into a happy slumber, and

murmered sweetly in its dreams, and a great peace filled the quiet room.

But suddenly there came the noise of a wild confusion and uproar in the streets of the village, a shrieling and wailing of women's veices, a clangor of brazen trumpets and a clashing of swords, and a desperate cry: "The soldiers! the soldiers of Horodi They are killing our children."

The young mother's face grow white with terror. She clasped her child to her bosom, and crouched motionless in the darkest corner of the room, covering him with the folds of her robe, lest he should wake and cry.

But Artaban went quickly and stood in the doorway of the house. His broad shoulders filled the portal from side to side, and the peak of his white cap all but touched the lintel.

The soldiers came hurrying down the street with bloody hands and dripping swords. At the sight of the stranger in his imposing dress they hesitated with surprise. The captain of the band approached the threshold to thrust him aside. But Artaban did not stir. His face was as calm as though he were watching the stars, and in his eyes there burned that steady radiance before which even the half-tamed hunting leopard shrinks and the fierce bloodhound pauses in his leap. He held the soldier silently for an instant, and then said in a low voice:

"I am all alone in this place, and I am waiting to give this jewel to the prudent captain who will leave me in peace."

He showed the ruby, glistening in the hollow of his hand like a great drop of blood.

The captain was amazed at the splendor of the gem. The pupils of his eyes expanded with



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desire, and the hard lines of greed wrinkled around his lips. He stretched out his hand and took the ruby.

"March on" he cried to his men, "there is no child here. The house is still."

The clamor and the clang of arms passed down the street as the headlong fury of the chase sweeps by the secret covert where the trembling deer is hidden. He turned his face to the east and prayed:

"God of truth, forgive my sin! I have said the thing that is not, to save the life of a child. And two of my gifts are gone. I have spent for man that which was meant for God. Shall I ever be worthy to see the face of the King?"

But the voice of the woman, weeping for joy in the shadow behind him, said very gently: "Because thou hast saved the life of my little one, may the Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up

* IN THE HIDDEN WAY OF SORROW *

Then again there was a silence in the Hall of Dreams, deeper and more mysterious than the first interval, and I understood that the years of Artaban were flowing very swiftly under the stillness of that clinging fog, and I caught only a glimpse, here and there, of the river of his life shining through the shadows that concealed its course.

I saw him moving among the throngs of men in populous Egypt, seeking everywhere for traces of the household that had come from Bethlehem, and finding them under the spreading sycamore-trees of Heliopolis, and beneath the walls of the Roman fortress of New Babylon beside the Nile—traces so faint and dim that they vanished before him continually, as footprints on the hard river-sand glisten for a moment with moisture and then disapper.

I saw him again at the foot of the pyramids. which lifted their sharp points into the intense saffron glow of the sunset sky, changeless monuments of the perishable glory and the imperishable hope of man. He looked up into the vast countenance of the crouching Sphinx, and vainly tried to read the meaning of the calm eyes and smiling mouth. Was it, indeed, the mockery of all effort and all aspiration, as Tigranes had said- the cruel jest of a riddle that has no answer, a search that never can succeed? Or was there a touch of pity and encouragement in that inscrutable smile-a promise that even the defeated should attain a victory, and the disappointed should discover a prize, and the ignorant should be made wise, and the blind should see, and the wandering should come into the haven at last?

I saw him again in an obscure house of Alexandria, taking counsel with a Hebrew rabbi. The venerable man, bending over the rolls of parchment on which the prophecies of Israel were written, read aloud the pathetic words which foretold the sufferings of the promised Messiah—the despised and rejected of men, the man of sorrows and the acquaintance of grief.

"And remember, my son," said he, fixing his deep-set eyes upon the face of Artaban, "the King whom you are seeking is not to be found in a palace, nor among the rich and powerful. If the light of the world and the glory of Israel had been appointed to come with the greatness of earthy splendor, it must have appeared long ago. For no son of Abraham will ever again rival the power which Joseph had in the palaces of Egypt, or the magnificence of Solomon throned between the lions in Jerusalem. But the light

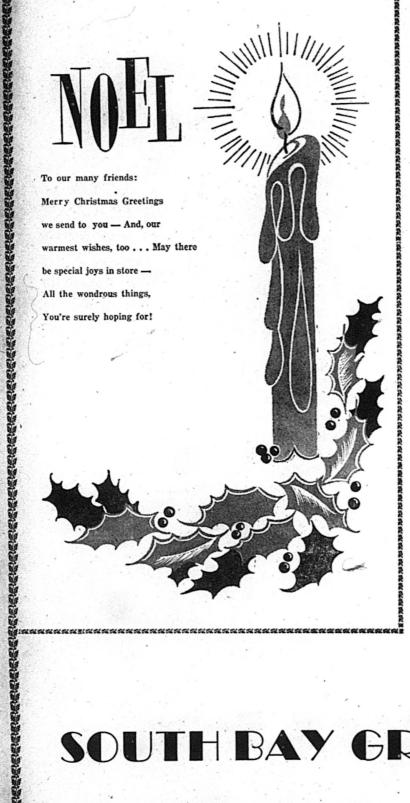


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So I saw the Other Wise Man again and again, traveling from place to place, and search-ing among the people of the dispersion, with whom the little family from Bethlehem might. perhaps, have found a refuge. He passed through countries where famine lay heavy upon the land and the poor were crying for bread. He made his dwelling in plague-stricken cities where the sick were languishing in the bitter companionship of helpless misery. He visited the oppressed and the afflicted in the gloom of subterranean prisons, and the crowded wretchedness of slavemarkets, and the weary toil of galley-ships. In all this populous and intricate world of anguish. though he found none to worship, he found many to help. He fed the hungry, and clothed the naked, and healed the sick, and comforted the captive; and his years went by more swiftly than the weaver's shuttle that flashes back and forth through the loom while the web grows and the invisible pattern is completed.

It seemed almost as if he had forgotten his quest. But once I saw him for a moment as he stood alone as sunrise, waiting at the gate of a Roman prison. He had taken from a secret resting-place in his bosom the pearl, the last of his jewels. As he looked at it, a mellower lustre, a soft and iridescent light, full of shifting gleams of azure and rose, trembled upon its surface. It seemed to have absorbed some reflection of the colors of the lost sapphire and ruby. So the profound, secret purpose of a noble life draws in-to itself the memories of past joy and past sor-sow. All that has helped it, all that has hindered it, is transfused by a subtle magic into its very essence. It becomes more luminous and precious the longer it is carried close to the warmth of the beating heart.

Then, at last, while I was thinking of this pearl, and of its meaning. I heard the end of the story of the Other Wise Man.

A PEARL OF GREAT PRICE *

Three-and-thirty years of the life of Artaban had passed away, and he was still a pilgrim, and a seeker after light. His hair, once darker than the cliffs of Zagros, was now white as the wintry snow that covered them. His eyes, that once flashed like flames of fire, were dull as embers smouldering among the ashes.

Worn and weary and ready to die, but still looking for the King, he had come for the last time to Jerusalem. He had often visited the holy city before, and had searched through all its lanes and crowded hovels and black prisons without finding any trace of the family of Nazarenes who had fled from Bethlehem long ago. But now it seemed as if he must make one more effort, and something whispered in his heart that, at last, he might succeed.

It was the season of the Passover. The city was thronged with strangers. The children of Isreal, scattered in far lands all over the world. had returned to the Temple for the great feast. and there had been a confusion of tongues in the narrow streets for many days.

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But on this day there was a singular agitation visible in the multitude. The sky was veiled with a portentous gloom, and currents of excitement seemed to flash through the crowd like the thrill which shakes the forest on the eve of a storm. A secret tide was sweeping them all one way. The clatter of sandals, and the soft, thick sound of thousands of bare feet shuffling over the stones, flowed unceasingly along the street hat leads to the Damascus gate.

Artaban joined company with a group of who had come up to keep the Passover, and inquired of them the cause of the tumult, and

where they were going.
"We are going," they answered, "to the place called Golgotha, outside the city walls, where there is to be an execution. Have you not heard what has happened? Two famous robbers are to be crucified, and with them another, called Jesus of Nazareth, a man who has done many wonderful works among the people, so that they love him greatly. But the priests and elders have said that he must die, because he gave himself out to be the Son of God. And Pilate has sent him to the cross because he said that he was the 'King of the Jews.'

How strangely these familiar words fell up-on the tired heart of Artaban! They had led him for a lifetime over land and sea. Ond now they came to him darkly and mysteriously like a message of despair. The King had arisen, but He had been denied and cast out. He was about to perish. Perhaps He was already dying. Could it be the same who had been born in Bethlehem thirty-three years ago, at whose birth the star had appeared in heaven, and of whose coming the prophets had spoken?

Artaban's heart beat unsteadily with that troubled, doubtful apprehension which is the excitement of old age. But he said within himself: The ways of God are stranger than the thoughts of men, and it may be that I shall find the King, at last, in the hands of His enemies, and shall come in time to offer my pearl for his ransom before He dies."

So the old man followed the multitude with slow, and painful steps toward the Damascus gate of the city. Just beyond the entrance of the guardhouse a troop of Macedonian soldiers came down the street, dragging a young girl with torn dress and dishevelled hair. As the Magian paused to look at her with compassion, she broke suddenly from the hands of her termentors and Parew herself at his feet, clasping him around the knees. She had seen his white cap and the

winged circle on his breast.
"Have pity on me," she cried, "and save me, for the sake of the God of purity! I also am the daughter of the true religion which is taught by the Magi. My father was a merchant of Parthia, but he is dead, and I am seized for his debts to be sold as a slave. Save me from

worse than death."

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Artaban trembled.

It was the old conflict in his soul, which had come to him in the palm-grove of Babylon-the conflict between the expectations of faith and the impulse of love. Twice the gift which he had consecrated to the worship of religion had been drawn from his hand to the service of humanity. This was the third trial, the ultimate proba-tion, the final and irrevocable choice.

Was it his great opportunity or his last temptation? He could not tell. One thing only was clear in the darkness of his mind-it was inevitable. And does not the shevitable come from God?

One thing only was sure to his divided heart -to rescue this helpless girl would be a true deed of love. And is not love the light of the



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soul?

He took the pearl from his bosom, Never had it seemed so luminous, so radiant, so full of tender, living lustre. He laid it in the hand of the slave.

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"This is thy ransom, daughter! It is the last of my treasures which I kept for the King."

While he spoke the darkness of the sky thickened, and shuddering tremors ran through the earth, heaving convulsively like the breast of one who struggles with mighty grief.

The walls of the houses rocked to and fro. were loosened and crashed into the street. Dust clouds filled the air. The soldiers fled in terror, reeling like drunken men. But Artaban and the girl whom he had ransomed crouched helpless beneath the wall of Practor-

What had he to fear? What had he to live for? He had given away the last remnant of his tribute for the King. He had parted with the last hope of finding Him. The quest was over, and it had failed. But even in that thought, accepted and embraced, there was peace. It was not resignation. It was not submission. It was something more profound and searching. knew that all was well, because he had done the best that he could, from day to day. He had been true to the light that had been him. He had looked for more. And if he had not found it, if a failure was all that came out of his life, doubtless that was the best that was possible. He had not seen the revelation of "life everlasting, incorruptible and immortal." But he knew that even if he could live his earthly life over again, it could not be otherwise than it had been,

Once more lingering pulsation of the earthquake quivered through the ground. A heavy tile, shaken from the roof, fell and struck the old man on the temple. He lay breathless and pale, with his gray head resting on the young girl's shoulder, and the blood trickling from the wound. As she bent over him, fearing that he was dead, there came a voice through the twilight, very small and still, like music sounding from a distance, in which the notes are clear but the words are lost. The girl turned to see if some one had spoken from the window above them, but she saw no one.

Then the old man's lips began to move, as if in answer, and she heard him say in the Parthian tongue:

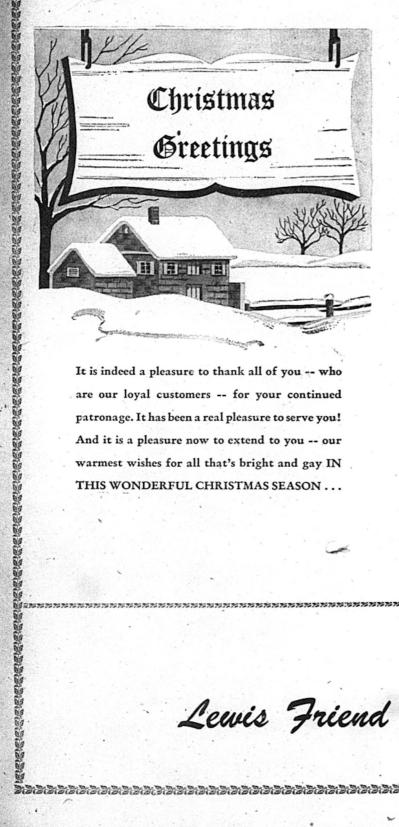
"Not so, my Lord: For when saw I thee an hungered and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave drink? When saw I thee a stranger, and took thee in? Or naked, and clothed thee? When saw I thee sick or in prison, and came unto thee? Three-and-thirty years have I looked for thee: but I have never seen thy face, nor ministered to thee, my King."

He ceased, and the sweet voice came again. And again the maid heard it, very faintly and far away. But now it seemed as though she understood the words:

"Verily I say unto thee, Inasmuch as thou hast done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, thou hast done it unto me.'

A calm radience of wonder and joy lighted the pale face of Artaban like the first ray of dawn on a snowy mountain-peak. One long, last breath of relief exhaled gently from his lips.

His journey was ended. His treasures were accepted. The Other Wise Man had found the



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